on the one hand and a royal sage,
Pravahana JaivaH, named
above, on the other. Dissatisfied with the
conclusions
arrived at by the Brahmanas, Pravahana
expounds his own
views on the Infinite,—*Akashatma* (of the
nature of space).
The discussion shows that during the
Chandogya period,
the position of the Supreme God was, as
already stated in
Chapter I of Part **I,** *supra,* claimed on
behalf of different gods
by different sages and that generally one of
the Vedic deities
was declared to be the Supreme Being. The
three above"
nam^d scholars who were versed in Vedic
knowledge once
met and said to each other, " We are versed
in the *UdgitJm;*
let us h?ve a discussion on the subject/'
When all agreed,
Pra^vahana Jaivali said: " You two sp^ak
first, for I wish to
hear what you Brahmanas have to say."
Then Silaka
Salavatya said to Kaikitayana Dalbhya "
with your per-
misbion, I will ask you " " Ask " said
Dalbhya, " In what
does *A^ni* merge in *Moksha '.* " " In
Varwa,[9]' he answered.
[ss] In what does *Vavuna* merge? " [{c] In
Surya.'[1] [tt] In what
does *Surya* merge?" " In *Daksha^* he
replied. " In what
does *Daksha* merge in *Moksha*[7]" He
replied, [st] *Rudm/'*

"In what does *Rudra* merge?" He replied,
"Let no man
think that there is anything higher than
Rudra, for we
recognise that the Sama Veda expounds
Rudra alone, because
its hymns are songs in praise of *Rudra*
alone.'" Then Sala-
vatya said to Dalbhya, ct 0 Dalbhya, thy
idea of the highest
taught in Sama is imperfect and
incomplete. But if any one
were to say, may your head fall, surely your
head will fall off."
TEen !Dalbhya said, " Well then, let me
learn this from your
venerable self/' c< Learn it " said Salavatya.
{{ What is the
goal of *Rudra*r> "*Brahma/*θ he replied.
"What is the
goal of Brahma?" asked Dalbhya. He
replied, " Let no man
think that there is anything higher than
Brahma, for we
recognise that the Sama Veda expounds
Brahma alone
because its hymns are sama in praise of
Brahma alone/'
Then said Pravahana Jaivali to Salavatya "
0 Silaka Sala-